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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
THRU: Deputy Director (Administration)  
SUBJECT: Report of Medical Survey of the Far East

In accordance with Notice No. [REDACTED] Subject: Reports of Field Trips, dated 3 September 1952, the following report is submitted. A more detailed account of each station visit is in preparation and will be forwarded to DD/A on 15 September 1952.

1. PURPOSE

This is a report of a medical survey of all major Far East CIA installations made by the Deputy Chief, Medical Staff, during the period from 1 July to 20 August 1952. The 33,500 [REDACTED] lasting five to nine days each to [REDACTED]

The major purposes of this mission were as follows:

a. To confer with Agency Medical Officers and Mission Chiefs in the Far East so that medical support problems of therapeutic and preventive medicine, logistics and training could be personally analyzed and definitive action initiated.

b. To gain a practical insight into the environmental and operational factors influencing the physical and psychological health of the command so that greater effectiveness might be achieved through medical measures.

c. To assure the extension of available medical services to all categories of personnel in the field under the CIA Clandestine Services reorganization.

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## 2. MEDICAL SUPPORT

### a. Medical Personnel

(1) The Agency doctors, nurses, and technicians have displayed incredible degree of resourcefulness and initiative in fulfilling their professional obligation under a wide variety of conditions.

### b. Medical Facilities

(1) The total replacement value of the Far East medical installations surveyed is estimated at [REDACTED] At stations where professional versatility or inadequate equipment preclude complete independence, liaison has been effected with alternate U. S. government or native hospitals.

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(2) There is a great need for a Central Hospital, possibly [REDACTED] to provide a geographically accessible medical facility for the definitive treatment of CIA-sponsored patients who, for clinical or security reasons, cannot receive proper care at their original areas of assignment.

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### c. Medical Logistics

(1) The centralization of medical supply [REDACTED] in coordination with the new Headquarters logistics plan, will assure more rapid and realistic support.

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### d. Extension of Medical Services to All Categories of CIA Personnel.

(1) Insofar as security and geographical dispersal factors permit, medical support is provided to individuals serving in all components of the Far East Agency mission.

## 3. HEALTH AND MORALE OF THE COMMAND

### a. Physical Condition

(1) When the sanitation and environmental hazards of the Far East are considered, the maintenance of a health standard is surprisingly good.

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b. Living Conditions

(1) Environmental factors vary from post to post, and later are commented upon briefly under each station report. In general, the Americans are well housed in relation to the particular areas to which they are assigned.

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~~SECRET~~ have suitable quarters. The type and preparation of food is excellent at almost all stations, demonstrating commendable training of native mess personnel. However, much improvement is needed ~~SECRET~~

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c. Psychological Status

(1) Morale ranged from fair to very good. Individual administrative problems such as finance, length of duty tours and appropriate supervisory guidance were considered, and it is believed that the reorganized support structure will correct the disturbing factors.

(2) Alcohol

(a) The excessive drinking noted a year ago has diminished presumably due to the alternate diversionary outlets.



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4. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Corrective measures include a wide variety of actions influencing the foregoing factors. Necessary recommendations are specifically listed in the forthcoming complete report.

b. Those actions which can be handled within the scope of the Medical Office's authority have already been initiated.

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Deputy Chief, Medical Staff

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